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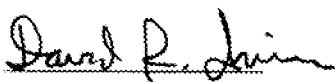
Applicant's independent claims 1, 8, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kusuda (U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0016872).

With this paper, Applicant amends independent claims 1, 8, and 14 by including the limitation of inviting clients to participate in a virtual shopping session, which is neither taught nor suggested by Kusuda. Support for this limitation appears in Applicant's Figure 3. Claims 8 - 11 are further amended by this paper to address matters of form. Applicant believes that independent claims 1, 8, and 14, as amended here, are now allowable, and so therefore are dependent claims 2-4 and 9-11.

This paper cancels claims 5-7, 12-13, and 15.

Consequently, Applicant believes that claims 1-4, 8-11, and 14 as amended here are allowable, and respectfully asks the Examiner to allow these claims. Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner, and requests that the application now pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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